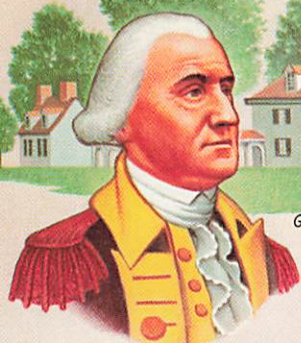


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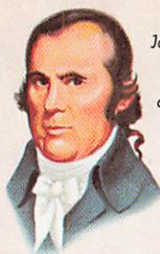


and remains the state's major crop. These leaves are destined for Danville, Virginia's biggest market, where 42 million pounds of bright leaf were auctioned last year.





George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, and his nearby tomb receive more than a million visitors each year.



John Marshall, fourth Chief Justice, was born in a log cabin near Midland.



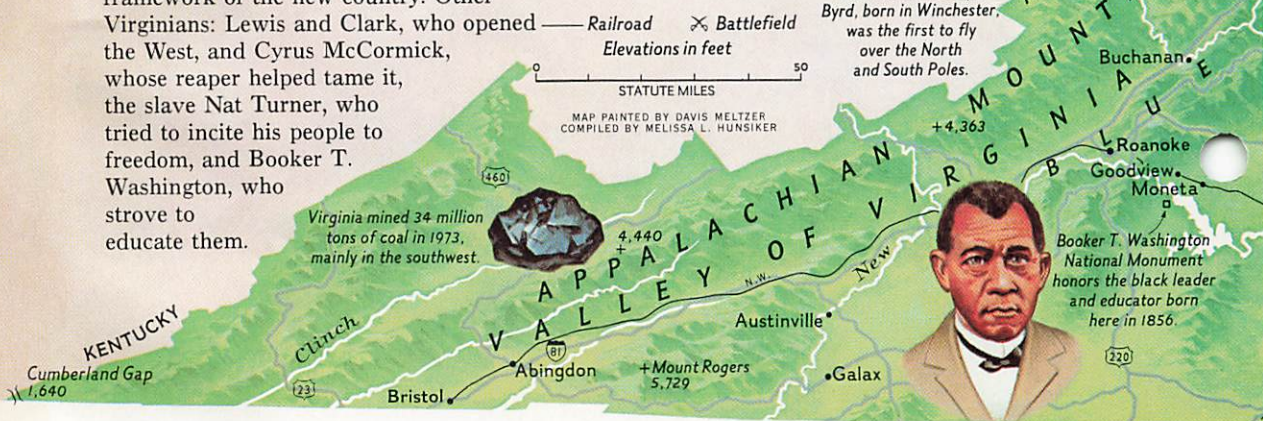
Pocahontas befriended John Smith, but married John Rolfe, the colony's first cultivator of tobacco.

## Yesterday's Virginians

"GOOD OLD DOMINION, the blessed mother of us all," wrote Thomas Jefferson of his native state. And the numbers of her children who helped make the nation great read like a roll of honor: from Pocahontas, who charmed the new colonists, to Adm. Richard E. Byrd, who charted the ends of the earth; from George Washington and seven other Presidents to Henry Clay, who would rather be right. Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee, George Mason—all helped lay the framework of the new country. Other Virginians: Lewis and Clark, who opened the West, and Cyrus McCormick, whose reaper helped tame it, the slave Nat Turner, who tried to incite his people to freedom, and Booker T. Washington, who strove to educate them.



Adm. Richard Evelyn Byrd, born in Winchester, was the first to fly over the North and South Poles.



T-shaped house and haphazardly added out-buildings, all of wood. "It was almost a medieval layout," Bill continued. "In the 17th century, men like Pettus were concerned more with survival than pleasing architecture." He apparently possessed little china or crystal. "Mostly we've found items of local clay, crudely formed and crudely fired."

### Tobacco Built a Golden Legend

Better known than Pettus's Spartan times—and more beloved, without doubt—is the image of Colonial Virginia that began to take form about 1720, when prosperous tobacco growers lavished their profits on elegant brick mansions along the James and other rivers. In this golden age, a man like Robert Carter could possess 300,000 acres and a

thousand slaves; for good reason he was known as "King" Carter.

The flavor of that era lingers in the Tidewater, an intense, almost palpable legacy on the land. Off Highway 5, midway between Williamsburg and Richmond, I was drenched in it one spring afternoon as Malcolm Jamieson drove me along the little river road that joins Berkeley to Westover. Between the Georgian mansions of these plantations, three deer gamboled in a field of new grain—a scene as genteel, I think, as ever a planter knew.

By comparison, Benjamin Harrison IV, King Carter's son-in-law, seems a piker; he amassed only 30,000 acres. But Berkeley's builder invested a fortune in his home.

"The construction took about five years," Mr. Jamieson said as we walked through the



DELAWARE

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W. VA.

Virginia celebrates an annual apple blossom festival at Winchester.



Washington, D. C.

Robert E. Lee, commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, made his home at Arlington House. Built by George Washington's adopted son, it is sometimes called the Custis-Lee Mansion.



Gen. Stonewall Jackson, "Old Blue Light," was the South's brilliant tactician in the Shenandoah Valley campaign. +4,076

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Lexington

Lynchburg

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of these were being raised as masts on ships.

Among many visits to Hampton Roads, I shall always remember the day I carried a load of Love to Norfolk. That journey began in Roanoke, in southwestern Virginia. In the dark of a winter morning I climbed into the cab of a Norfolk and Western Railway diesel. Behind us stretched 178 cars brimming not only with Love but also with Gertie, Orange, Gee, and Wilfred—shippers' identifying names for export coal from western Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

"Clear block," called engineer Herman Hogan, Jr., spying a green signal, and we were off toward a gap in the Blue Ridge. We bored through a tunnel near Goodview, rumbled past tiny Moneta as the general store was opening for business. Later we crossed flat piney woods, saluting small towns with the diesel horn, and swung south through the tangles at the edge of the Dismal Swamp.

#### Naval Duel Ushers in a New Era

Even before the oil shortage, Hampton Roads was the world's largest coal exporter, sending an average of 35 million tons a year to ports all over the globe. Crowding around the 25-square-mile roadstead are not only vast rail yards, but six cities and numerous Navy installations, piers, and docks.

The best way to view all this is from the water. So one summer Sunday, with the sun still a low orange disk, I boarded the *American Archer* at Norfolk International Terminals. Cranes lifted aboard the last of the freight containers. On the bridge the harbor pilot, Capt. J. A. Jones, lean as rope and known as "Ruff," called out the course.

We eased past a clutch of submarines and destroyer escorts, and met the incoming *African Dawn* as she experienced a Virginia dawn. Opposite the city of Hampton, Ruff pointed out a historic stretch of water. Dueling there on March 9, 1862, the ironclads *Monitor* and *Virginia*—the rechristened *Merrimack*—failed (Continued on page 603)

**Ghosts of the Confederacy** come to life—some in pieces of Yankee uniform—as National Park Service volunteers re-create a Civil War camp at Chancellorsville, near Fredericksburg. In the spring of 1863 thirty thousand troops were lost there—including Confederate Lt. Gen. Stonewall Jackson, mistakenly shot by his own men.











**Far from the finish lines** that her foals have crossed, a brood mare grazes at Verulam Thoroughbred Horse Farm, near Charlottesville. The noble stock of Virginia's